

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2009, which inadvertently set forth a one-month period for response. In an Office communication mailed on February 3, 2009, the period for response to the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2009, was reset to expire three-months from the mailing date of the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2009. Accordingly, this response is due on or before April 7, 2009.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.